

AMEND THE CLAIMS AS FOLLOWS:

1. A tool for tensioning safety cable to a predetermined tension limit, the tool comprising:

a body adapting for operatively mounting the tool to a power assisted tool;
a wheel and a faceplate attached thereto and mounted for rotation about an axis of the body substantially perpendicular to an elongate axis of the body for retaining cable wrapped around the wheel and allowing tension to be applied to the cable by rotation thereof, the wheel having a flared portion for wedging a cable against the faceplate and preventing tangential slipping of the cable about the wheel.

a clutch, operatively connected to the wheel, for transferring a rotational force to the wheel, the clutch preventing rotational force from being applied to the wheel when a predetermined cable tension has been reached;

an elongated ~~nosepiece~~ nose extending from an end of the tool, a distal end of the ~~nosepiece~~ nose having an aperture for passing the safety cable therethrough generally transverse to an elongate direction of the ~~nosepiece~~ nose, the ~~nosepiece~~ nose further having a passageway extending from a proximal end of the ~~nosepiece~~ nose in the elongate direction to an intersection with the aperture; ~~the distal~~ proximal end of the ~~nosepiece~~ nose being retained in the body;

a plunger assembly mounted in the passageway in the ~~nosepiece~~ nose for reciprocating motion therein, the plunger assembly having at least a portion thereof extending from the body into the passageway in ~~outwardly from the proximal end of the nosepiece nose~~, the plunger assembly actuated by the power assisted tool;

a ~~retainer~~ barrel attached adjacent an end of the at least a portion of the plunger assembly between the nose and the body; ~~extending outwardly of the nosepiece~~;

a spring positioned about the at least a portion of the plunger assembly, the spring ~~means~~ being generally compressed between the proximal end of the

~~nosepiece~~ nose and the ~~retaining means~~ barrel for urging the plunger assembly in a direction away from the aperture; and

a collar fixed to the tool for retaining the proximal end of the ~~nosepiece~~ nose ~~extension~~ therein, the ~~nosepiece~~ nose ~~extension~~ being slidably retained to the ~~tool~~ body and rotatable about the elongate direction for aligning the aperture at selected angular directions transverse to the elongate direction.

2. (CANCEL)

3. (Original) The tool of claim 1 wherein the clutch further comprises:

a knob for applying a rotational force to the wheel; and

a clutch ring, attached to the knob for transferring rotational force to the wheel and prohibiting transfer of rotational force to the wheel when a predetermined rotational force is applied to the knob.

4. (Original) The tool of claim 1 wherein the nosepiece comprises alignment means for angularly aligning the plunger in a fixed angular orientation within the nosepiece for rotation therewith.

5. (Currently Amended) The tool of claim 1 wherein the plunger assembly includes ~~a second retainer~~ a reciprocal movement limiting means ~~positioned adjacent the proximal end of the nosepiece~~ for slidably retaining the plunger assembly within the ~~nosepiece~~ nose.

6. (Currently Amended) The tool of claim 1 wherein the proximal end of the ~~nosepiece~~ nose ~~comprises~~ includes a radially extending flange ~~extending radially outward of the proximal end of the nosepiece~~ for engaging the collar and;

wherein an end of the plunger assembly, when operatively mounted on the power assisted tool, is in abutting contact with a piston on the power assisted tool for maintaining the plunger assembly in a fixed position when the nose is depressed.

7. (Currently Amended) The tool of claim 6 wherein the nosepiece ~~being~~ is axially moveable by depressing the nosepiece in a direction to compress the spring to displace the flange to enable rotation of the nosepiece about the elongate direction.

8. CANCEL

9. (Currently Amended) A tool for tensioning safety cable to a mechanically set tension limit and for terminating the cable when the cable has been tensioned to the mechanically set limit, the tool including a manual actuator for gripping and pulling the cable to the tension limit, and a hydraulically assisted actuator for crimping a ferrule onto the cable when the tension limit has been reached, the hydraulically assisted actuator being operative to sever a free end of the cable concurrently with crimping of the ferrule, the manual actuator comprising a wheel and a faceplate attached thereto and mounted for rotation about an axis of the body substantially perpendicular to an elongate axis of the body for retaining cable wrapped around the wheel and allowing tension to be applied to the cable by rotation thereof, the wheel having a flared portion for wedging a cable against the faceplate and preventing tangential slipping of the cable about the wheel.

10. (CANCEL)

11. (Original) The tool of claim 10, further comprising a clutch for transferring a rotational force to the wheel, the clutch preventing rotational force from being applied to the wheel when a predetermined cable tension has been reached.

12. (Original) The tool of claim 9, the hydraulically assisted actuator further comprising a plunger for progressively crimping the ferrule as the hydraulically assisted actuator is operated.

13. (Original) The tool of claim 12, the hydraulically assisted actuator further comprising a shearing edge, operative in conjunction with a ferrule edge, for severing the free end of the cable as the ferrule edge is forced past the shearing edge by the plunger as the ferrule is being crimped.

14. (Original) The tool of claim 12, wherein the manual actuator further comprises a tensioning wheel for retaining cable wrapped around the wheel and allowing tension to be applied to the cable by manual rotation thereof.

15. (Original) The tool of claim 13, further comprising:
a clutch for transferring a rotational force to the wheel, the clutch preventing rotational force from being applied to the wheel when a predetermined cable tension has been reached.